

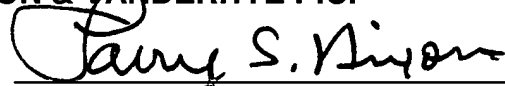
**REMARKS**

The above amendments are made to insert a cross reference to the PCT application upon which the instant U.S. national phase is based and to add an Abstract of the Disclosure.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A novel process for preparing thiazolidinediones, preferably Pioglitazone, as described. Also described are novel intermediates involved in its synthesis and process for their preparation and use in medicine.